

Monmouth, Ill.

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Dear Mamma.

This is Thurs. eve. I am going to begin my letter but don't suppose I can write long for the baby is fussy & sleepy.

Well - I just got that far last night & Mrs. Mc. Grath came in to the window and talked till I had to take the baby. It is five o'clock in the morning and I am going to write till 5:30 & then get breakfast. I was up with the baby at 20 min. before 5 - so I just

thought I'd stay up.
I went up town yesterday
morning Roy kept the
baby and she was as
good as could be. I was
only gone an hour. I
got 3 dresses and a pair
of stockings for Eula. I
have one dress made all
but stitching the sleeves
in. It is awful cute. I
got remnants of embroidery
to trim them with. ✓
I got two with a check
in and one plain. I am
going to hemstitch the
plain one. I looked
at the light calico but
they looked so cheap. I
thought next year would be
time enough for her to

free. when
we talk to her
she moves
her lips +
father +
try to talk - baby.
sometimes she
says ma-ma.
but I guess
she don't
mean to. Roy
said she said
papa to himself
one night
when I was
asleep - well good
bye.

We will see about the
hood when I come home
It will be quite expensive
I think, I could buy one
ready made for about 75¢
Well I will close for this
time I want to write to
Mate.

We sold a peck of potatoes
to Leckie yesterday for 20¢
Our potatoes are so large
and nice and so many
in a hill Roy only dug
3 or 4 hills to get a peck
Mrs. Lucas is going to
take a bushel next week.
I wish there would come

a good big rain - Those
in the west patch need
rain so bad. We have
had one mess of pickles.
They need rain too.

Tell I am done - Oh
no I aint - Dr. Soule
was in to see Baby
Sunday - He made a big
fun over her - He said
she was just a little
darling. (and she is too)
She looked up at him
& laughed - She always
laughs when we talk to
her. Some times when she
is nursing - if I cough or
sneeze or make any
unusual noise she will
stop long enough to laugh
I wish you could see

Harry & Anna
come up
quite often
in the
evening but
I never
have been
there to stay
long - but
once.

you just ought to see
her. I think your
new dress is awful
pretty. I'd like one myself
like it. Yes I wrote
to Louie but I haven't
heard from her since.
Well I guess I'll go
& get breakfast I am
going to make pancakes
Roy & baby are both
asleep yet.

Well it is now half
past 9 and I have the
dishes washed - sweeping done
& baby asleep. It is awful
hot today Roy is cutting

some boxes at the marble shop. Mrs. Palmer & Lena & Eva were here Wednesday to call on me.

"Say, Maud is in a 'fix'" & She will have an awful time I know for she is so lazy. She asked Mrs. M^r. Millam if she would do up her white shirts & shirt waists for her - Mrs. M^r. told her it was as much as she could do to do up her own clothes.

I think I will try and write once a week - I am always so anxious for Tuesdays - to get your letter - I will get along better now that I have

near calico.

My sweet peas are blooming but the poppies came up so thick in that bed that it nearly choked them out. The geraniums are blooming and are full of buds. The flower beans are in bloom and look real pretty.

I suppose your town made a noise yesterday over the surrender of Santiago - This I've did. All the whistles blow and they fired off guns & the band played. They are going to

have some celebration at
Wrio office between 5-8
6 this evening - if baby
is awake maybe I'll go.

Mrs. Coons' boy that
has been in the reg.
army. came home yesterday.
They wasn't looking for
him & they were I'll so
glad. Yes - I went
over to Schman's once
but Doras wasn't there
Leckie went with me -
Mrs. Schman is not
well at all this summer
Mrs. McFarland got
home last Sunday. I
haven't seen her yet.

The baby weighed 18
lbs at 4 months old.

She has gained 3 lbs ~~more~~
in the last month



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